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the budget per this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And we can continue to get federal support, which is needed in order for Nebraska to get its share of firefighting equipment. And as I mentioned, the funding is in the mainline LB 1089. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Further discussion on the motion to bracket. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I just want to reiterate it, and applaud what Senator Wehrbein has said about the Forest Service, how important it is out there in western Nebraska, with our forest industry that we have coming about in the northwestern part of the state and the Pine Ridge area. It's quite an industry, in not only shipping the logs and the lumber out, but in thinning the forests, and for fire control. And so it's very important that we have people that understand the Forest Service and can do some work with that. Not only that, there's something like 2 million acres of forests in municipal cities that some people don't think about. So there's quite a lot of forestry that takes place in our cities and towns. All of these areas are something that's really important. And of course, we nearly lost the...well, we lost the funding on the Forest Service a year ago, when some of the university cut their funding. So this is something that was very important. And I was thankful, with the help of Senator Wehrbein, why, we were able to get this funding back in motion and get it back into the budget and get something done for it. And this is something that it's very important. This takes care of our...lot of our fire control and our fire trucks in our rural fire departments. Many of the rural fire departments depend entirely on vehicles that they receive from the Forest Service. So this is something that we can't afford to let go. It has to be taken care of. It's a must-do piece of the business. And I thank Senator Wehrbein for introducing this bill and bringing it before the Appropriations Committee and working it through this far. Thank you.